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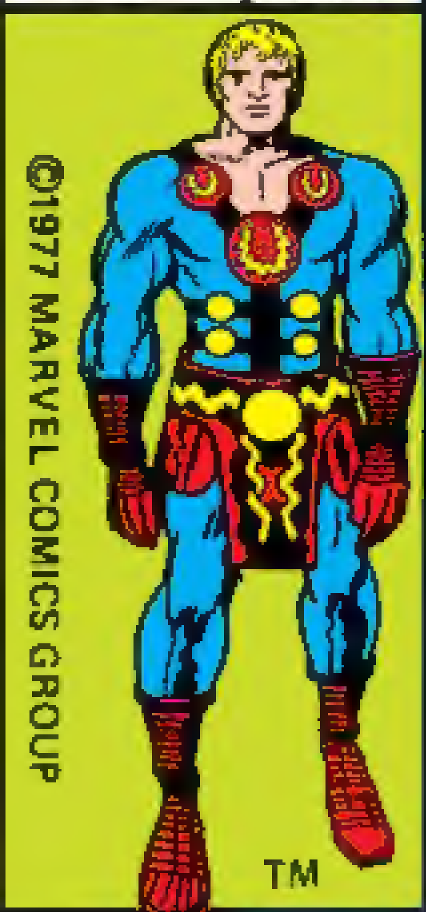
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WHEN GODS WALK THE EARTH!

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FACE-TO-FACE AGAINST THE COSMIC-POWERED HULK!

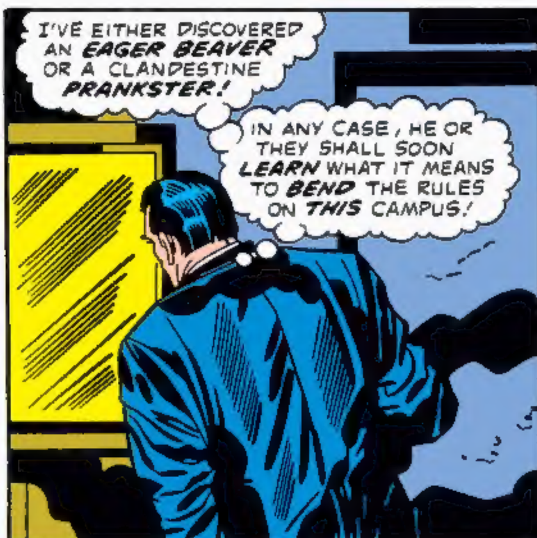
Strange events have exposed a startling fact, kept alive through the centuries only by myth and superstition—man is not alone on the evolutionary chain!! He has shared the planet with two species unknown to him! Now, in a sudden burst of violence, the Deviants have risen from their domain beneath the sea to challenge all humanity!! But mankind has unexpected allies—

Stan Lee PRESENTS: THE ETERNALS!™

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INITIALLY, THERE IS NO HINT OF THE EXTRA-ORDINARY IN THE NIGHT AIR. IT BEGINS MERELY AS AN UNEASY FEELING THAT GRIPS DOCTOR TIMOTHY RYAN AS HE APPROACHES THE ENGINEERING PLANT ON THE GROUNDS OF THE MARYLAND INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY...
WHA-!? A LIGHT IN THE RESEARCH LAB!


I'VE EITHER DISCOVERED AN EAGER BEAVER OR A CLANDESTINE PRANKSTER!
IN ANY CASE, HE OR THEY SHALL SOON LEARN WHAT IT MEANS TO BEND THE RULES ON THIS CAMPUS!


THIS FACILITY IS OFF LIMITS AFTER CLASS HOURS! IF I HAVE TO DRILL THIS POINT HOME WITH A POWER TOOL, I'LL CERTAINLY USE ONE!


HAHAHAHAH--! DON'T CHICKEN OUT, RUSTY! HE'S ONLY A WALKING ELECTRONIC UNIT!
GREAT HEAVENS!

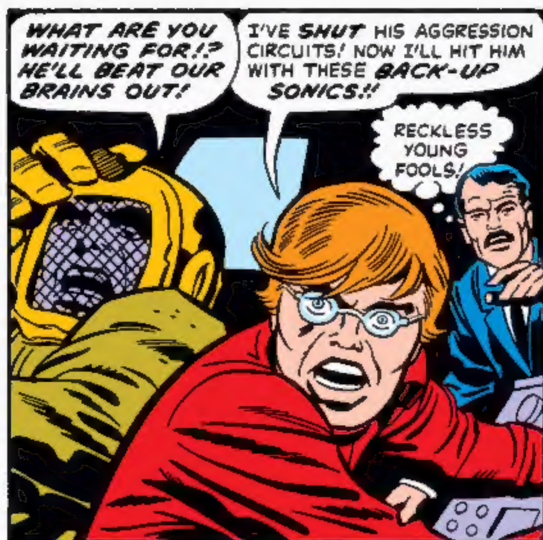

I KNOW THAT! BUT, IT'S ACTUALLY HAIRY TESTING HIM AT CLOSE QUARTERS!
GRAWW!
H-HE'S LIKE THE REAL THING!


SUDDENLY--!
YEEOOWW!! HE'S SNATCHED THE BAR FROM MY HANDS!

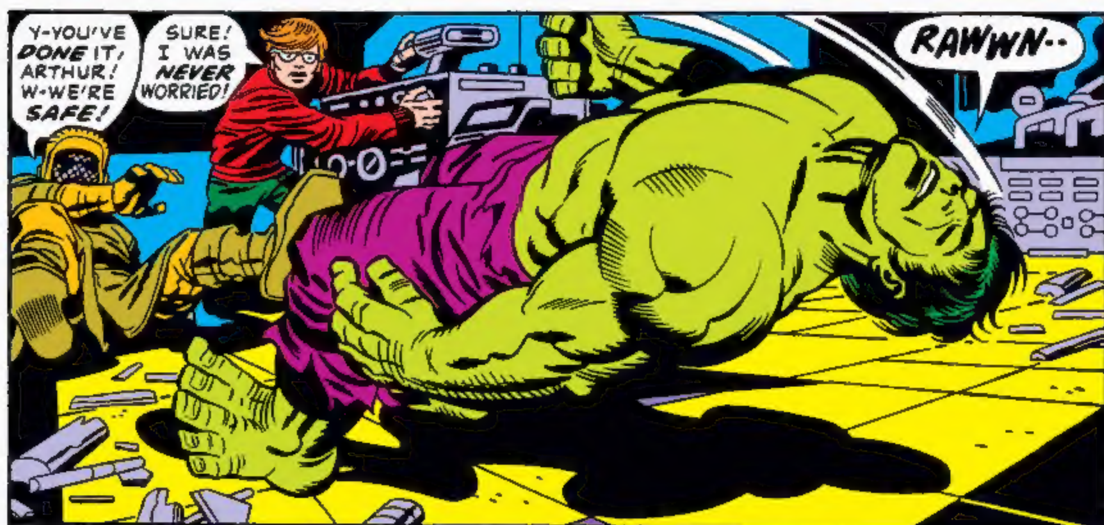
THE ROOM IS SHAKEN BY FRIGHTENING ROARS AS THE HUGE MAN-LIKE OBJECT SURGES MENACINGLY FORWARD...
LOOK OUT!
HE'S COMING FOR US WITH THAT IRON BAR!!
BACK OFF, RUSTY!!
RAARRRR!!


KLONK!
HE'S OUT OF CONTROL!


CRASH!
DO SOMETHING, ARTHUR! OR HE'LL—
DON'T BLOW YOUR COOL!
I'LL HANDLE HIM!!


WHAT ARE YOU WAITING FOR!? HE'LL BEAT OUR BRAINS OUT!
I'VE SHUT HIS AGGRESSION CIRCUITS! NOW I'LL HIT HIM WITH THESE BACK-UP SONICS!!
RECKLESS YOUNG FOOLS!


IT'S WORKING, RUSTY! THE SONIC BEAM IS DISRUPTING ITS ELECTRO-WAVES!
IT'S WINDING DOWN! IT CAN'T MOVE!
GRUU-U-K!!
ZZZTT!


Y-YOU'VE DONE IT, ARTHUR! W-WE'RE SAFE!
SURE! I WAS NEVER WORRIED!
RAWWN..

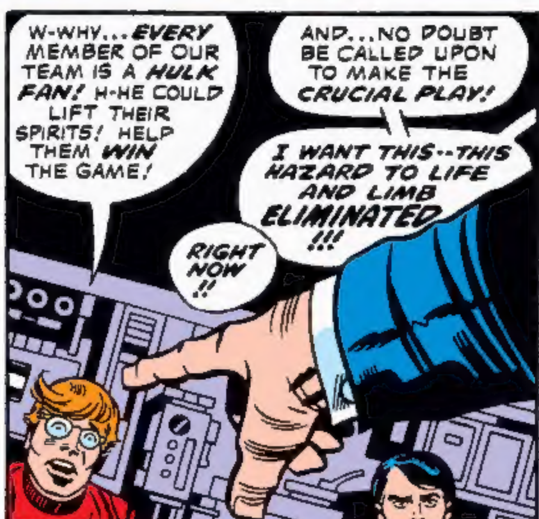

A FEW MORE REFINE-MENTS IN THE REMOTE CONTROL SYSTEM SHOULD SEE THIS JOB FINISHED!!
YEAH! THE OTHERS WILL FLIP WHEN WE FINALLY TELL THEM --

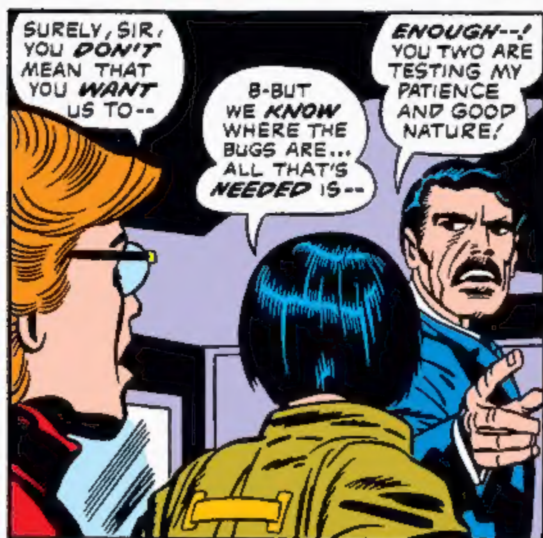

-- WE'VE BUILT OLD "GREENSKIN!" --THE FABULOUS INCREDIBLE HULK!
THEY'LL PANIC!!
AND YOU TWO SHALL PROMPTLY BE EXPELLED!
I'VE NEVER WITNESSED SUCH DEPLORABLE USE OF VALUABLE TIME AND MATERIEL!


HOLY COW!!
I-IT'S DOCTOR RYAN!
Y-YOU SAY THAT YOU --AHH-- WITNESSED IT--SIR--?
I SAW IT ALL--! AND I'M DEEPLY SHOCKED!!


B-BUT... YOU MUST UNDERSTAND, SIR! THIS IS NOT A SIMPLE PRANK! I-IT REPRESENTS HARD WORK ON THE PART OF THE ENTIRE CLASS!
YOU SEE... WE--
--W-WE NEEDED A MASCOT FOR THE ALL-STAR GAME, SO WE DECIDED TO BUILD ONE!


OUR PURPOSE WAS TO MARCH THE HULK DOWN THE FIELD WITH THE SCHOOL BAND!
A MOST FASCINATING THOUGHT!
I-IT WOULD BE A SPECTACULAR SIGHT, SIR!


W-WHY... EVERY MEMBER OF OUR TEAM IS A HULK FAN! H-HE COULD LIFT THEIR SPIRITS! HELP THEM WIN THE GAME!
AND... NO DOUBT BE CALLED UPON TO MAKE THE CRUCIAL PLAY!
I WANT THIS--THIS HAZARD TO LIFE AND LIMB ELIMINATED!!!
RIGHT NOW!!

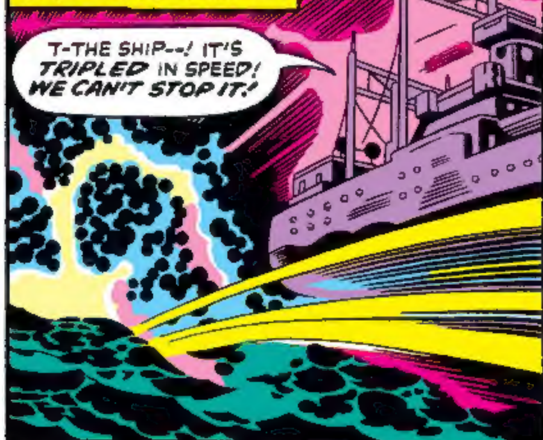

SURELY, SIR, YOU DON'T MEAN THAT YOU WANT US TO--
B-BUT WE KNOW WHERE THE BUGS ARE... ALL THAT'S NEEDED IS--
ENOUGH--! YOU TWO ARE TESTING MY PATIENCE AND GOOD NATURE!

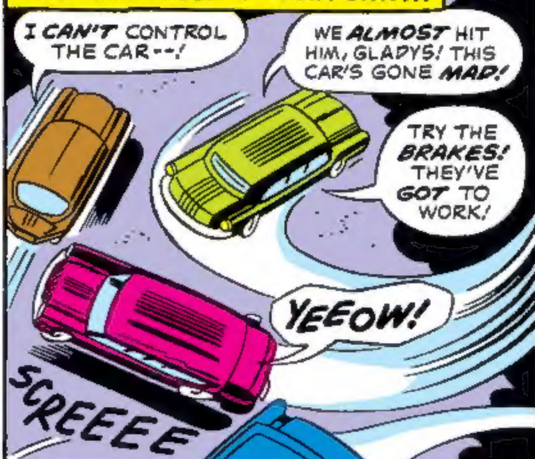

VERY WELL, SIR... IF YOU WILL EXCUSE US TONIGHT, WE'LL BEGIN TO... DISASSEMBLE HIM... TOMORROW.
SEE THAT YOU DO! I EXPECT EVERY BIT OF PLASTIC AND WIRE IN THIS TOY TO VANISH AS QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE!

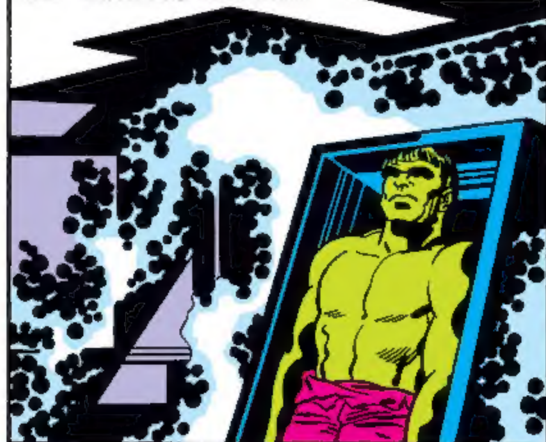

TOMORROW IS EVER THE WORD FOR TOO LATE! THIS NIGHT IS FATED TO SPAWN THE UNEXPECTED WHEN THE POTENT FORCES OF THE UNKNOWN ERUPT FROM ABOVE. SILENCE HOVERS ABOUT THE RESEARCH LAB. THE STUDENTS HAVE PLACED THE ELECTRONIC HULK IN HIS BOX AND LEFT THE PREMISES...


BUT THE NIGHT SKY REMAINS ACTIVE... IT WRITHES WITH STRANGE LIGHTS AND SEETHING GASES...

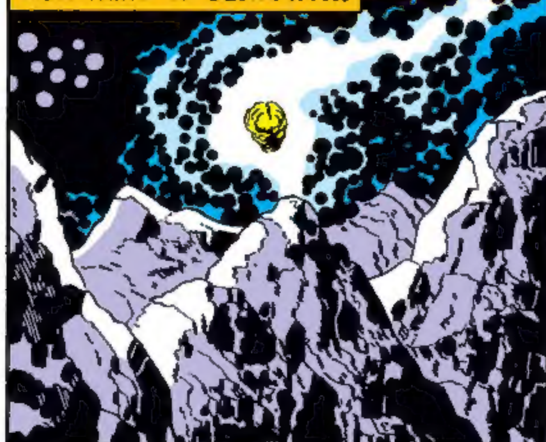

THE SOURCE IS A MARVEL OF BIZARRE LIFE. THE UNI-MIND, AN ORGANISM BROUGHT INTO BEING AMONG THE ETERNALS, NOW DESCENDS TO ITS HOME PLANET-- EARTH...

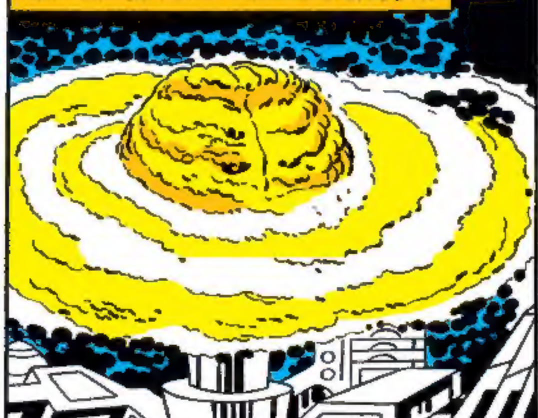

BUT THE UNI-MIND BRINGS WITH IT GIANT WAVES OF UNNAMED COSMIC PARTICLES -- WHICH AFFECT VAST AREAS BELOW...
T-THE SHIP--! IT'S TRIPLED IN SPEED! WE CAN'T STOP IT!


MECHANISMS IN MANY PLACES ARE SATURATED BY THE PARTICLES, AND MOVE WITH WILLS OF THEIR OWN...
I CAN'T CONTROL THE CAR--!
WE ALMOST HIT HIM, GLADYS! THIS CAR'S GONE MAD!
TRY THE BRAKES! THEY'VE GOT TO WORK!
YEEOW!
SCREEEEE

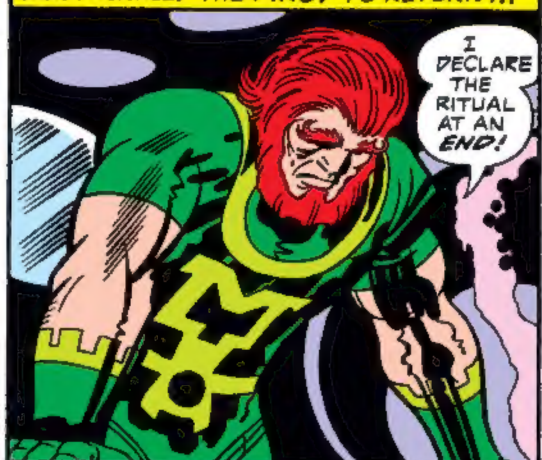

MOTIONLESS IN ITS BOX, THE NEO-HULK IS ANOTHER RECIPIENT OF THE SUBSTANCE FROM THE STARS. ITS PLASTIC BODY ABSORBS IT-- AND CHANGES WITHIN...

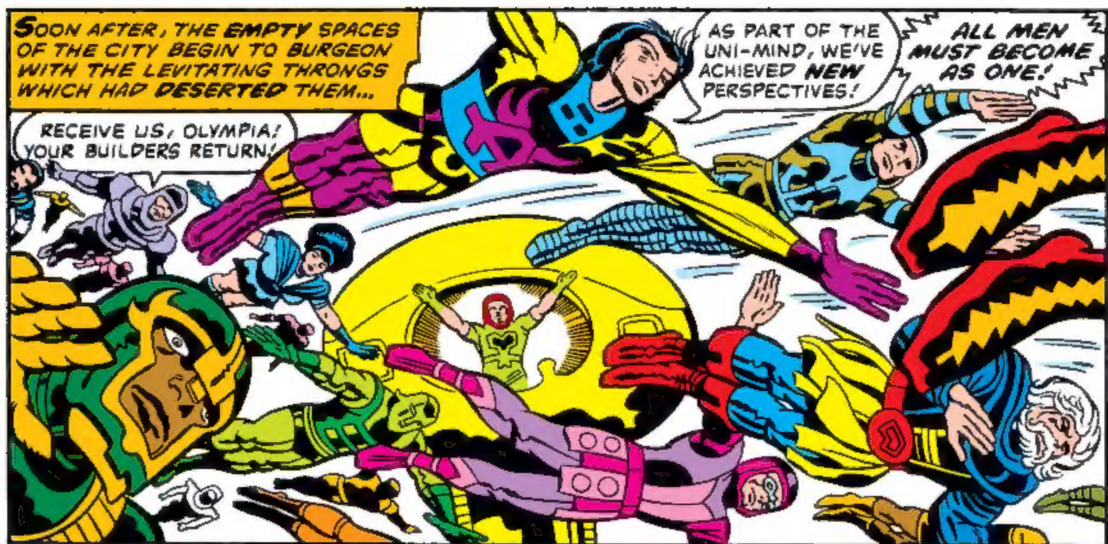

THE HULK'S EYES SNAP OPEN! THERE IS NO REMOTE-CONTROL APPARATUS ON EARTH THAT CAN STOP IT NOW...

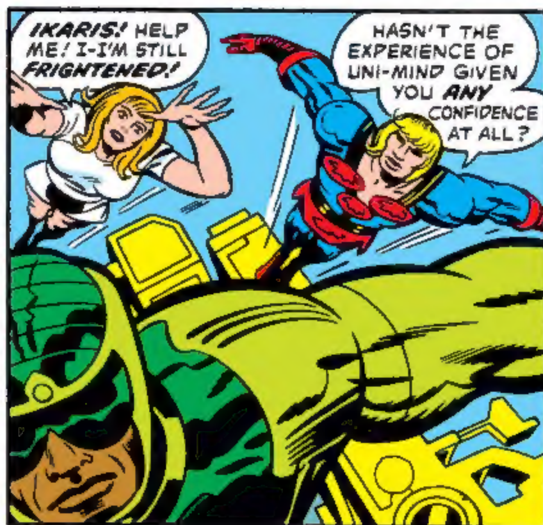

AT THIS MOMENT, THE UNI-MIND COMES TO REST AT ITS POINT OF ORIGIN: AMONG THE MOUNTAINS OF OLYMPIA...


THEN IT BEGINS TO DISSOLVE INTO ITS SIMPLER, BUT FANTASTIC COMPONENTS... FOR THE UNI-MIND IS A GROUP ANIMAL, FORMED BY MANY LIVING BEINGS...


OLYMPIA, CITY OF THE ETERNALS, IS SHARPLY SILHOUETTED BY THE COSMIC GLOW OF THE AMAZING PROCESS...
ETERNALS... REAPPEAR--!!


THE COMMAND IS GIVEN BY GREAT ZURAS, ELDEST OF ALL OLYMPIAN ETERNALS, AND TRADITIONALLY THE FIRST TO RETURN...
I DECLARE THE RITUAL AT AN END!

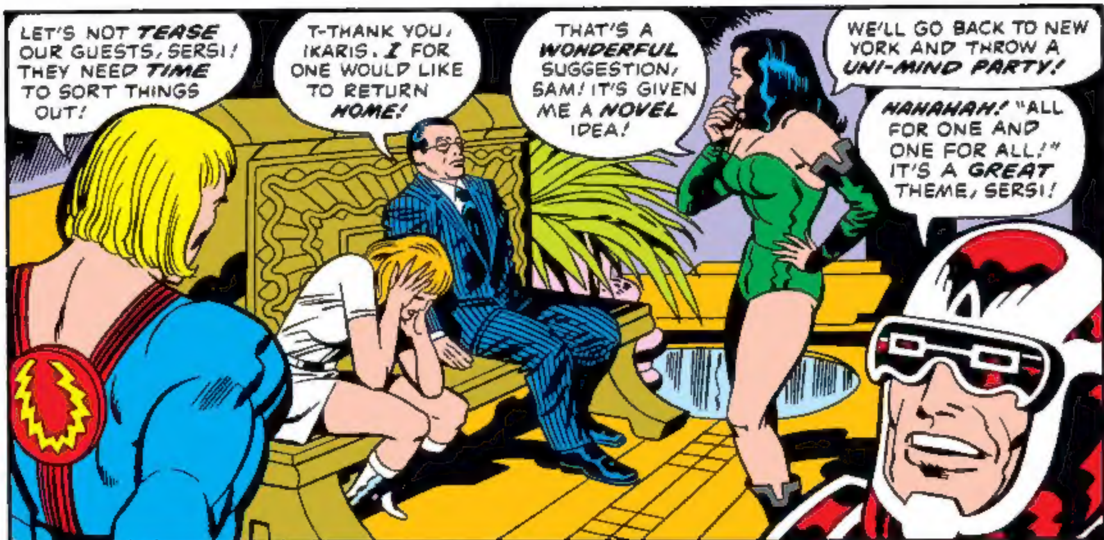

SOON AFTER, THE EMPTY SPACES OF THE CITY BEGIN TO BURGEON WITH THE LEVITATING THRONGS WHICH HAD DESERTED THEM...
RECEIVE US, OLYMPIA! YOUR BUILDERS RETURN!
AS PART OF THE UNI-MIND, WE'VE ACHIEVED NEW PERSPECTIVES!
ALL MEN MUST BECOME AS ONE!

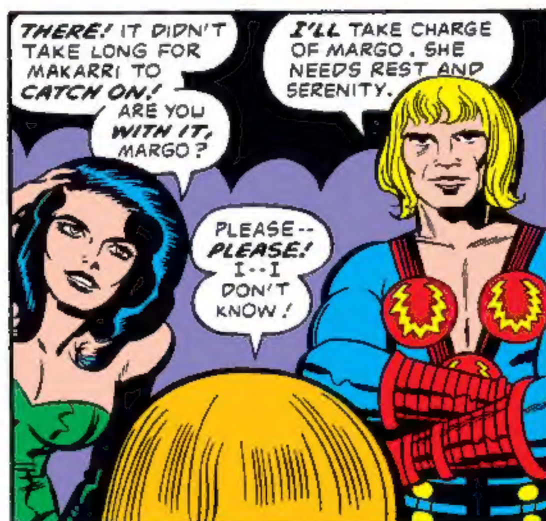

IKARIS! HELP ME! I-I'M STILL FRIGHTENED!
HASN'T THE EXPERIENCE OF UNI-MIND GIVEN YOU ANY CONFIDENCE AT ALL?

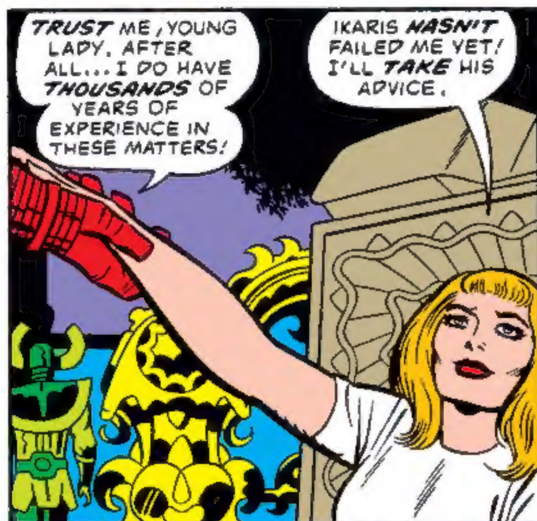

I-I'M NOT AN ETERNAL! I CAN'T LEVITATE! IT JUST SCARES ME SILLY!
IT WAS I WHO LEVITATED YOU! I'D NEVER HAVE DROPPED YOU, MARGO!


MARGO DAMIAN SHOULD BE DROPPED ON HER HEAD! AND THAT GOES FOR YOU AS WELL, SAM HOLDEN!
YOU HUMANS ARE INCORRIGIBLE SOFTIES!
WE ARE WHEN IT COMES TO THIS SORT OF THING, SERSI!

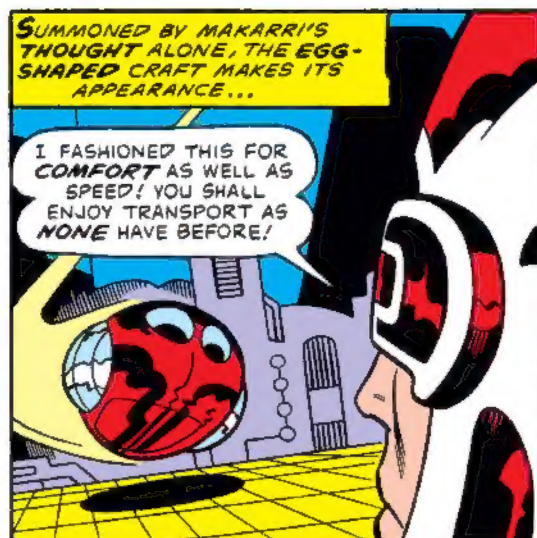

OH, I KNOW THAT YOU WERE HELPING ME TO LEVITATE... BUT DON'T YOU SEE? I-I'M PROGRAMMED TO RELEGATE THIS KIND OF FACULTY TO MYTHICAL WITCHES AND WARLOCKS!
TO ME, LEVITATION IS IMPOSSIBLE!
HI-HO... WHAT ELSE IS NEW? HUMAN FEARS SEEM ENDLESS!!


LET'S NOT TEASE OUR GUESTS, SERSI! THEY NEED TIME TO SORT THINGS OUT!
T-THANK YOU, IKARIS. I FOR ONE WOULD LIKE TO RETURN HOME!
THAT'S A WONDERFUL SUGGESTION, SAM! IT'S GIVEN ME A NOVEL IDEA!
WE'LL GO BACK TO NEW YORK AND THROW A UNI-MIND PARTY!
HAHAHAH! "ALL FOR ONE AND ONE FOR ALL!" IT'S A GREAT THEME, SERSI!

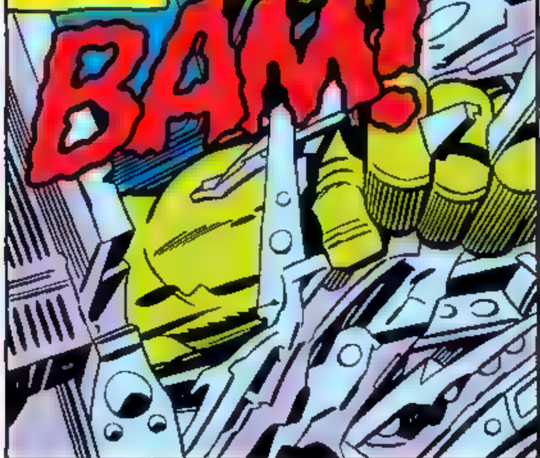

THERE! IT DIDN'T TAKE LONG FOR MAKARRI TO CATCH ON!
ARE YOU WITH IT, MARGO?
I'LL TAKE CHARGE OF MARGO. SHE NEEDS REST AND SERENITY.
PLEASE--PLEASE! I--I DON'T KNOW!


TRUST ME, YOUNG LADY. AFTER ALL... I DO HAVE THOUSANDS OF YEARS OF EXPERIENCE IN THESE MATTERS!
IKARIS HASN'T FAILED ME YET! I'LL TAKE HIS ADVICE.


THEN IT'S SETTLED! WE'LL GO BACK TO NEW YORK... BUT EACH TO SEEK WHAT SERVES HIM BEST!
I'LL BUY THAT!
AND YOU, MAKARRI?
WHAT SERVES ME BEST IS TO SERVE MY FRIENDS!
BEHOLD! MY LATEST VEHICLE!


SUMMONED BY MAKARRI'S THOUGHT ALONE, THE EGG-SHAPED CRAFT MAKES ITS APPEARANCE...
I FASHIONED THIS FOR COMFORT AS WELL AS SPEED! YOU SHALL ENJOY TRANSPORT AS NONE HAVE BEFORE!


BUT THINGS UNFORSEEN WILL MAKE THE TRAVELERS YEARN FOR A BATTLE-CRAFT...
CRASH!

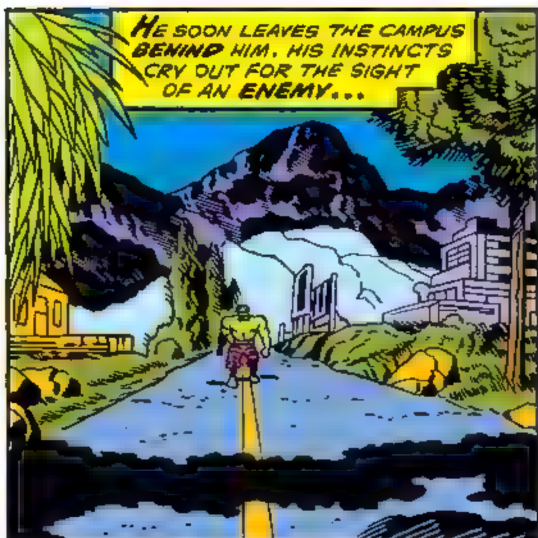

FAR FROM OLYMPIA, THE COSMIC-POWERED HULK HAS BURST INTO FRESH ACTIVITY...
BAM!


LIKE SOME PRIMITIVE BEAST FROM THE DIM PAST, HE SMASHES THE WALL OF THE RESEARCH PLANT AND ROARS INTO VIEW...
AAARRRR!!


THE EYES FLARE. THE MASSIVE JAW BARES ITS TEETH TO THE NIGHT. NO DIAL OR PUSH-BUTTON HAS SPARKED THE FURY REFLECTED IN THAT FACE...
RRR!

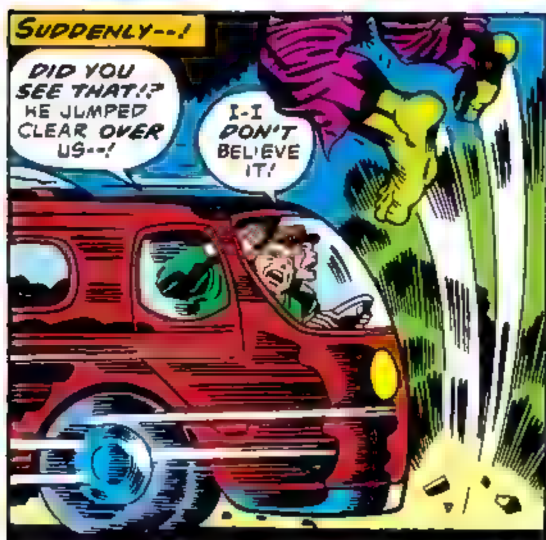

IT IS AN ANGER, MYSTERIOUSLY STIRRED... AND BLINDLY OBEYED!
RIP!

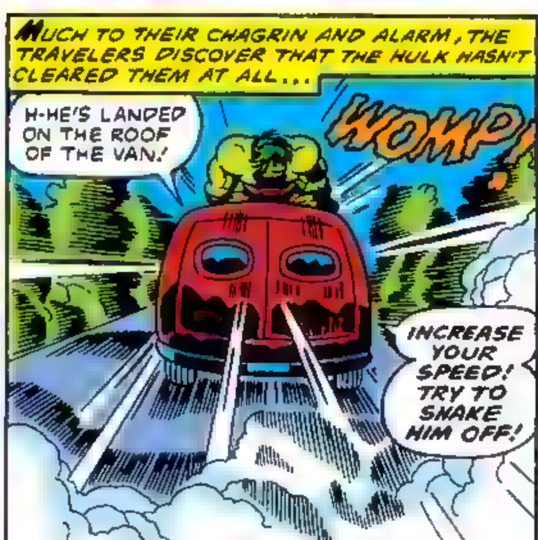

THE HULK ADVANCES WITH RELENTLESS STEPS! HE IS A LIVING HAMMER WHICH STRIKES HARD AT ANY OBSTACLE IN HIS PATH...

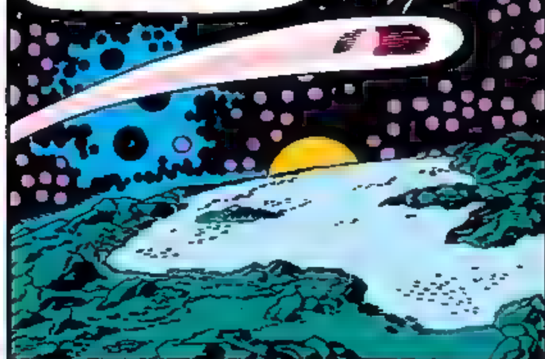

HE SOON LEAVES THE CAMPUS BEHIND HIM. HIS INSTINCTS CRY OUT FOR THE SIGHT OF AN ENEMY...

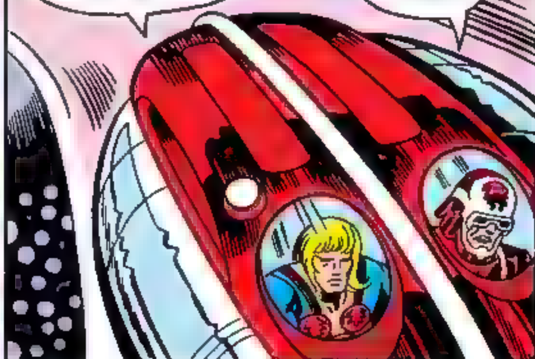

AND ON THE OPEN HIGHWAY HE FINDS HIM! THE ENEMY RIDES IN A SWIFTLY APPROACHING VAN...
LOOK AT THAT FOOL IN THE CENTER OF THE ROAD!
HONK! HONK!

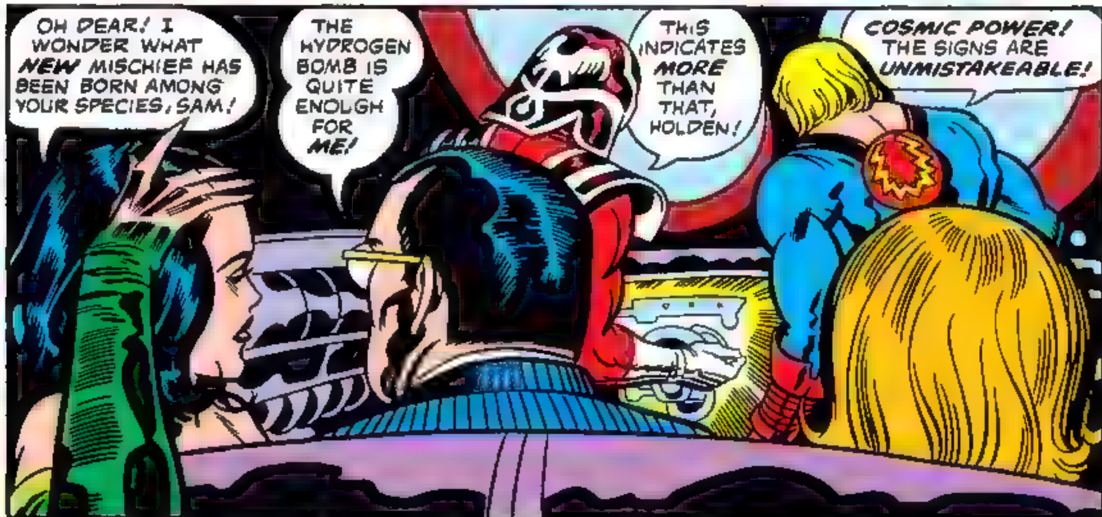

JUMPING JUPITER--! HE'S A MONSTER!
DON'T STOP! KEEP GOING!

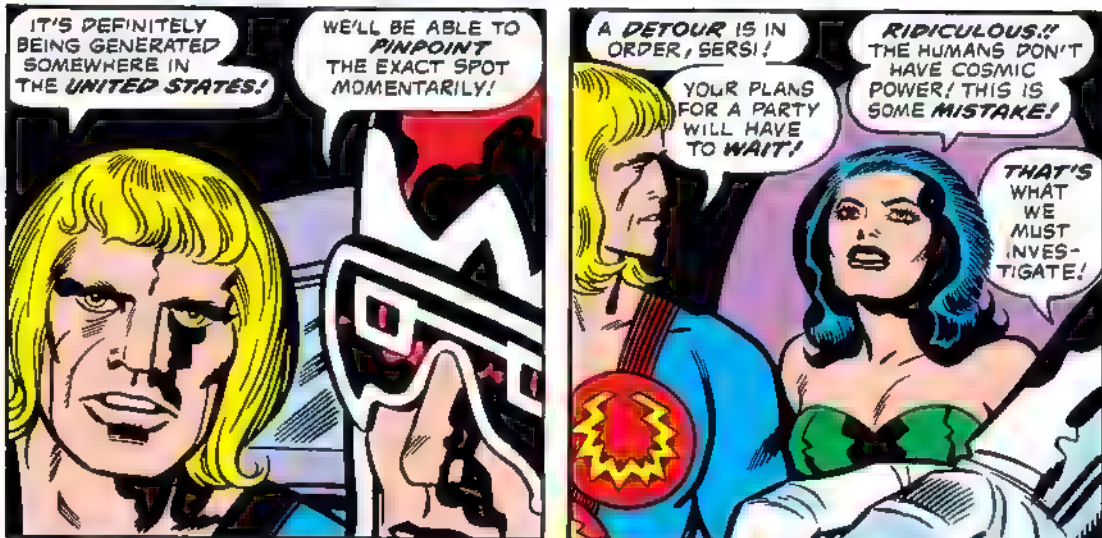

SUDDENLY--!
DID YOU SEE THAT!? HE JUMPED CLEAR OVER US--!
I-I DON'T BELIEVE IT!


MUCH TO THEIR CHAGRIN AND ALARM, THE TRAVELERS DISCOVER THAT THE HULK HASN'T CLEARED THEM AT ALL...
H-HE'S LANDED ON THE ROOF OF THE VAN!
WOMP!
INCREASE YOUR SPEED! TRY TO SHAKE HIM OFF!

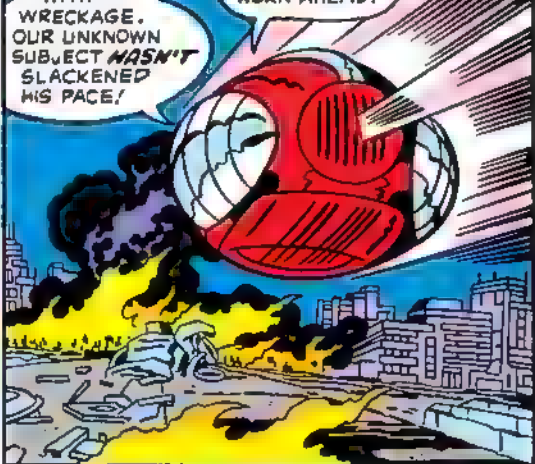

MEANWHILE, LIKE A BRIGHT COMET FLASHING ACROSS THE CURTAIN OF STARS, THE CRAFT OF MAKARRI SPANS THE CONTINENTS...
MUST YOU TRAVEL THIS FAST? WE SHALL HAVE LITTLE TIME TO MAKE OURSELVES AT EASE!
AS YOU WISH, SERSI!

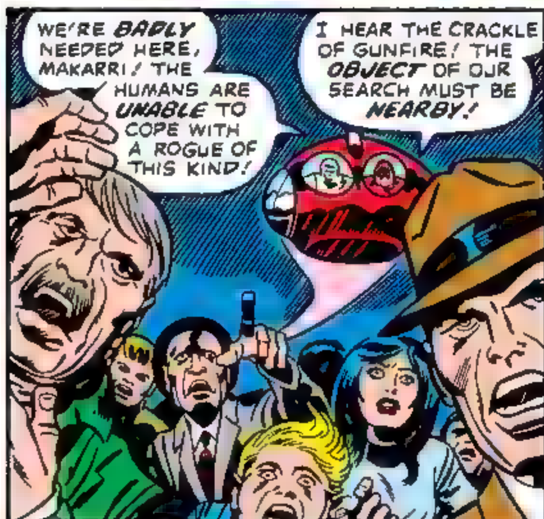

IT IS IKARIS WHOSE SHARP EYE CATCHES THE FIRST SIGN OF TROUBLE AHEAD...
LOOK TO YOUR INSTRUMENT PANEL, MAKARRI! IT GLOWS FROM STRANGE FORCES!
B-BUT THIS CAN'T BE! NOT IN HUMAN AREAS!

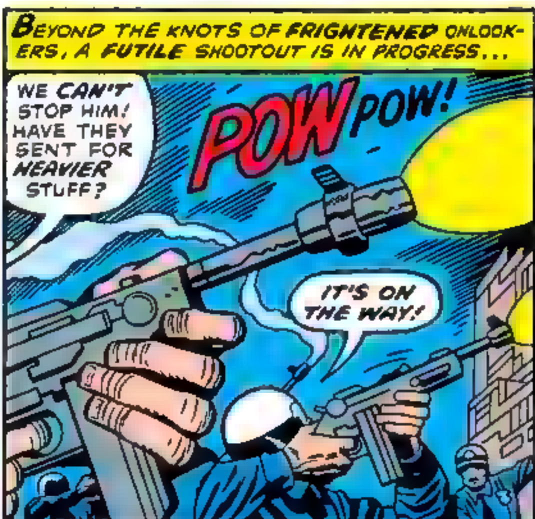

OH DEAR! I WONDER WHAT NEW MISCHIEF HAS BEEN BORN AMONG YOUR SPECIES, SAM!
THE HYDROGEN BOMB IS QUITE ENOUGH FOR ME!
THIS INDICATES MORE THAN THAT, HOLDEN!
COSMIC POWER! THE SIGNS ARE UNMISTAKEABLE!


IT'S DEFINITELY BEING GENERATED SOMEWHERE IN THE UNITED STATES!
WE'LL BE ABLE TO PINPOINT THE EXACT SPOT MOMENTARILY!
A DETOUR IS IN ORDER, SERSI!
YOUR PLANS FOR A PARTY WILL HAVE TO WAIT!
RIDICULOUS!! THE HUMANS DON'T HAVE COSMIC POWER! THIS IS SOME MISTAKE!
THAT'S WHAT WE MUST INVES-TIGATE!

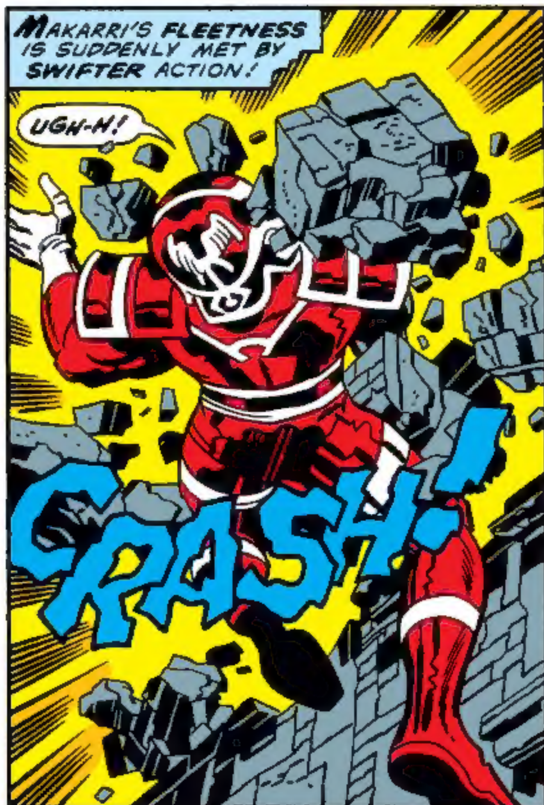

SECONDS LATER, THE AREA IS LOCATED, AND A BURNING VAN ILLUMINATES THE SCENE LIKE A BLAZING TORCH...
IT SEEMS THE COSMIC POWER HAS NOT BEEN WISELY USED!


THIS HIGHWAY IS LITTERED WITH WRECKAGE. OUR UNKNOWN SUBJECT HASN'T SLACKENED HIS PACE!
THERE'S MORE OF HIS HANDI-WORK AHEAD!


WE'RE BADLY NEEDED HERE, MAKARRI! THE HUMANS ARE UNABLE TO COPE WITH A ROGUE OF THIS KIND!
I HEAR THE CRACKLE OF GUNFIRE! THE OBJECT OF OUR SEARCH MUST BE NEARBY!


BEYOND THE KNOTS OF FRIGHTENED ONLOOK-ERS, A FUTILE SHOOTOUT IS IN PROGRESS...
WE CAN'T STOP HIM! HAVE THEY SENT FOR HEAVIER STUFF?
POW POW!
IT'S ON THE WAY!

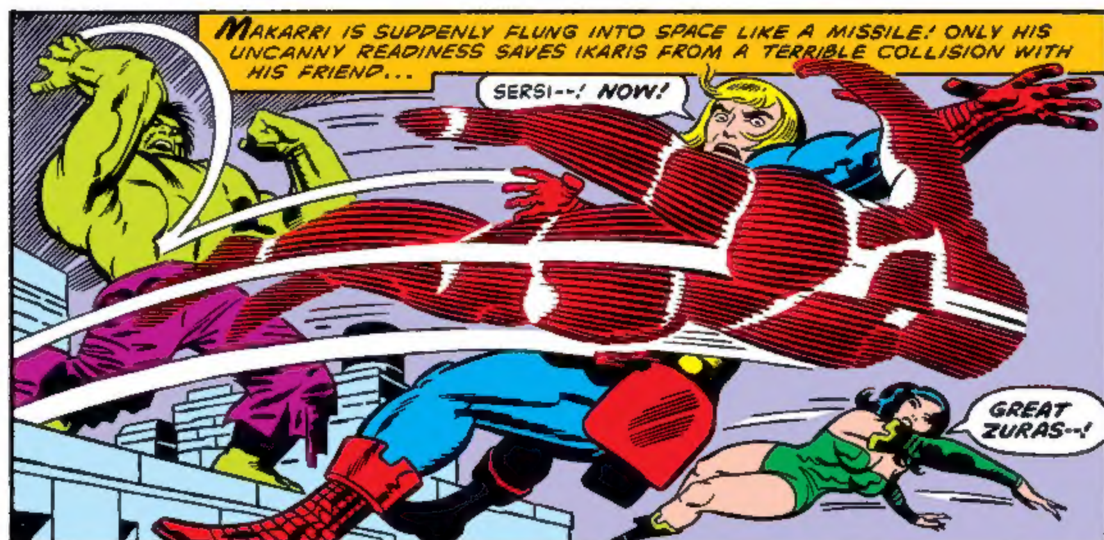

THE ETERNALS ARE QUICK TO JOIN THE ACTION. IT IS A BATTLE THAT MUST BE CONTAINED ON THESE GROUNDS!
BE CAREFUL, IKARIS!
THIS IS NO TIME FOR CAUTION, MARGO! THERE'S A HOLOCAUST IN THE MAKING HERE!
AS THE SWIFTEST AMONG US, MAKARRI SHALL DEAL WITH IT FIRST!


MAKARRI'S FLEETNESS IS SUDDENLY MET BY SWIFTER ACTION!
UGH-H!
CRASH!

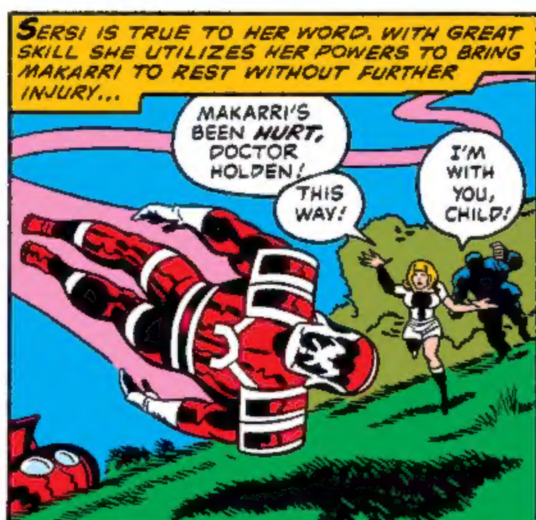

HE EXPERIENCES TOTAL SURPRISE BEFORE HE PASSES OUT! HAD MAKARRI SEEN HIS ADVERSARY, HE'D HAVE SURELY WONDERED HOW THIS HULK COULD POSSIBLY SURPASS HIM IN SPEED...
IKARIS! THAT THING'S GOT MAKARRI!


I-IT'S AN INCREDIBLE CREATURE! NEITHER HUMAN NOR ETERNAL!
IF IT DROPS MAKARRI FROM THAT ROOFTOP, THE FALL WILL NOT KILL HIM--BUT IT COULD INJURE HIM FOR ETERNITY!
DO AS I TELL YOU, SERSI! STAND BY TO LEVITATE MAKARRI! USE ALL OF YOUR POWER!


IKARIS THEN SURGES FORWARD WITH FORCEFUL INTENT...
MAKARRI IS IN DANGER EACH SECOND HE REMAINS IN THAT POWERFUL GRIP! HE'LL BE CRUSHED TO A PULP!
I MUST FORCE THE THING TO RELEASE HIM AND TURN TO ME!


MAKARRI IS SUDDENLY FLUNG INTO SPACE LIKE A MISSILE! ONLY HIS UNCANNY READINESS SAVES IKARIS FROM A TERRIBLE COLLISION WITH HIS FRIEND...
SERSI--! NOW!
GREAT ZURAS--!


LEVITATING MAKARRI WILL BE LIKE SLOWING DOWN A ROCKET SLED AND CAUSING IT TO DRIFT TO EARTH WITH THE EASE OF A FEATHER!!
BUT-- I CAN DO IT!


SERSI IS TRUE TO HER WORD. WITH GREAT SKILL SHE UTILIZES HER POWERS TO BRING MAKARRI TO REST WITHOUT FURTHER INJURY...
MAKARRI'S BEEN HURT, DOCTOR HOLDEN!
THIS WAY!
I'M WITH YOU, CHILD!

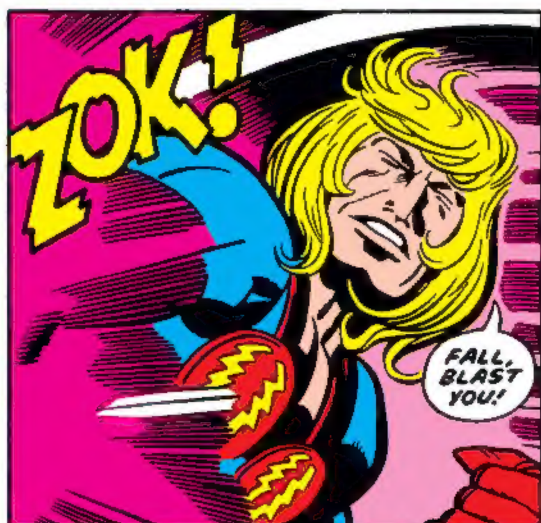

H-HE'S BADLY BRUISED-- BUT NO MORE THAN THAT.
LUCKILY, SERSI WAS AT HAND!
HAD HE STRUCK AN OBJECT AT THE SPEED WITH WHICH HE SAILED FROM THAT ROOF--THIS MIGHT HAVE ENDED DIFFERENTLY!

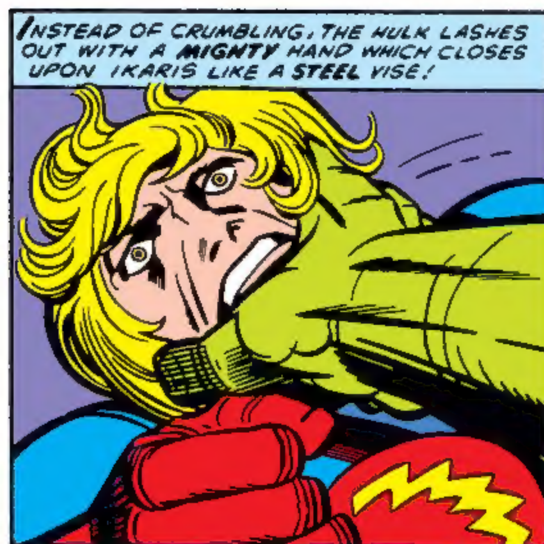

WHATEVER STRUCK HIM DOWN IS STILL ON THAT ROOFTOP --TURNING ITS SAVAGE STRENGTH ON --IKARIS!!
AND IF IT'S USING COSMIC POWER, I-I DON'T FEEL HOPEFUL ABOUT HIS CHANCES!

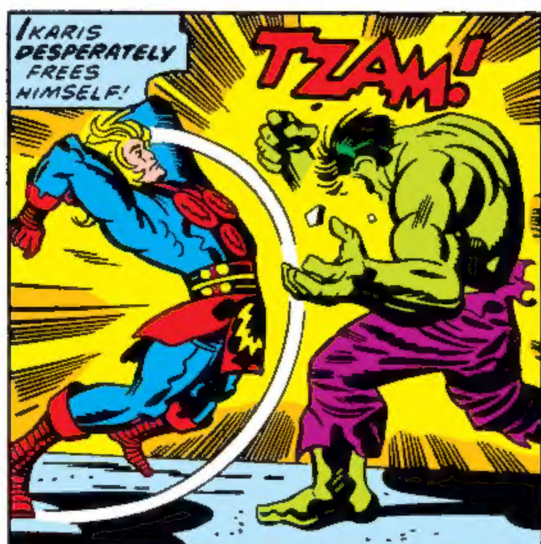

AT THAT VERY MOMENT, IKARIS HURLS HIMSELF UPON THE FOE!
WE SHALL SEE HOW YOU DEAL WITH A POLAR ETERNAL!
WAM!

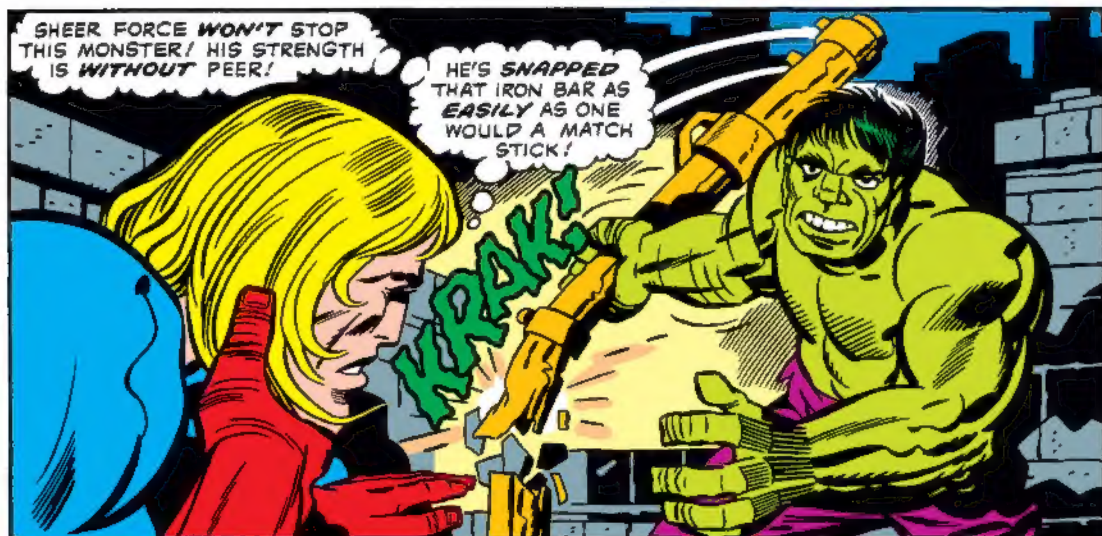

MINE IS A HARDY AND DETERMINED BREED!
POW!


THESE BLOWS COULD FELL A MAMMOTH! YET, HIS FEET STAND FIRMLY PLANTED!
KRAK!


ZOK!
FALL, BLAST YOU!


INSTEAD OF CRUMBLING, THE HULK LASHES OUT WITH A MIGHTY HAND WHICH CLOSES UPON IKARIS LIKE A STEEL VISE!


IKARIS DESPERATELY FREES HIMSELF!
TZAM!











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